

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3361–S3460*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 686–700, and S. Con. Res. 31–32. **Pages S3435–36**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions during the 106th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 107–11)

S. Con. Res. 7, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to enhance national security and significantly further United States foreign policy and global competitiveness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. **Page S3435**

#### Measures Passed:

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S3399**

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** Senate continued consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3361–S3423**

#### Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 67), Grassley Amendment No. 174 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide for additional agriculture assistance. **Pages S3361–75**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 69), Harkin Amendment No. 185 (to Amendment No. 170), to

make certain that no child is left behind and to maintain fiscal discipline by making a major investment in education, including a new mandatory investment in the Individual With Disabilities Education Act, and a commensurate reduction in the share of tax relief given to the wealthiest one percent of Americans. **Pages S3382–96**

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 70), Specter Amendment No. 186 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase discretionary health funding by \$700,000,000. **Pages S3400–02**

By 84 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 72), Warner Amendment No. 189 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase the levels of new budget authority and budget outlays provided for the National Defense (050) major functional category for fiscal year 2002, and to make corresponding adjustments necessitated by those increases. **Pages S3406–16**

#### Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 68), Conrad (for Johnson) Amendment No. 176 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide emergency assistance to producers of agricultural commodities in fiscal year 2001, and additional funds for farm and conservation programs during fiscal years 2002 through 2011. **Pages S3361–76**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 71), Landrieu Amendment No. 188 (to Amendment No. 170), to allow for the continued transformation of the military, to fulfill congressional commitments to provide quality health care for active and retired military families, and to continue improvements in compensation, housing and other quality of life issues. **Pages S3405–15**

#### Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 170, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3361–3423**

Motion to reconsider the vote by which Harkin Amendment No. 185 (to Amendment No. 170), listed above, was agreed to. **Page S3396**

Collins Amendment No. 190 (to Amendment No. 170), to establish a reserve fund to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies.

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Stabenow/Johnson Amendment No. 191 (to Amendment No. 170), to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Collins Amendment No. 190 (to Amendment No. 170) and Stabenow Amendment No. 191 (to Amendment No. 170), both listed above, on Thursday, April 5, 2001, with votes to occur on or in relation to each amendment, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Further, that following the votes, Senator Conrad be recognized to offer an amendment relative to deficit reduction.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that time on the reconciliation amendment be limited to up to 3 hours equally divided in the usual form and that it become the pending business at a time to be agreed upon by the two Leaders, but prior to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2001; and that all other amendments offered on Thursday be limited to 30 minutes of debate each, equally divided in the usual form. Further, that any yielding of time from the resolution during the pendency of any remaining amendments be in order only by unanimous consent. Further, that the only first degree amendments in order on Friday, April 6, 2001, be those amendments submitted at the desk by 2 p.m. on Thursday with the exception of an amendment to be offered by the Minority Leader and an amendment to be offered by the Majority Leader and amendments cleared by the two managers.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

John B. Taylor, of California, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Global Affairs).

Stephen A. Perry, of Ohio, to be Administrator of General Services.

Maurice A. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Erik Patrick Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Chris Spear, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

A routine list in the Army.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Notices of Hearings:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

**Pages S3458–59**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—72)

**Pages S3375, S3376, S3396, S3402, S3415, S3416**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:53 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, April 5, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3459.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION— SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on shipbuilding industrial base issues and initiatives, after receiving testimony from William P. Fricks, Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia; Gerald J. St. Pé, Northrop Grumman Litton Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Mississippi; and John K. Welch, General Dynamics Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia.

### MAD COW DISEASE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine specific measures that have been taken in the United States to prevent bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) "Mad Cow Disease" and assess their adequacy, after receiving testimony from Senators Campbell and Durbin; Richard T. Johnson, Special Advisor, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, and Stephen Sundlof, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Alfonso Torres, Deputy